



**(U) ConSIDer This: Vital Records**

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(C) Did you know that copies of NSA's most vital records are being stored in Sugar Grove, West Virginia?

(U) The Vital Records Program ensures that copies of NSA's most important documents are kept in a safe location away from Fort Meade. Why?-- So that if a natural disaster, fire, attack, etc. should destroy the originals at NSA, we will still be able to access a backup copy. The program began in 1952 when President Truman signed an executive order making each federal department and agency responsible for carrying out its essential functions in an emergency; later Presidents have issued modifications.

(U//FOUO) If you think you may have vital records, see [Vital Records FAQ](#) for definitions and instructions on how to preserve them.

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